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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to a prohibition on use of public assistance benefits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be
2 known as sections 208.031 and 208.032, to read as follows:

208.031. 1. Electronic benefit transfer transactions made by each applicant or
2 **recipient who is otherwise eligible for temporary assistance for needy families benefits**
3 **under this chapter and who is found to have made a cash withdrawal at any casino,**
4 **gambling casino, or gaming establishment shall, after an administrative hearing conducted**
5 **by the department under the provisions of chapter 536, be declared ineligible for**
6 **temporary assistance for needy families benefits for a period of three years from the date**
7 **of the administrative hearing decision. For purposes of this section, "casino, gambling**
8 **casino, or gaming establishment" does not include a grocery store which sells groceries**
9 **including such staple foods and which also offers, or is located within the same building**
10 **or complex as, casino, gambling, or gaming activities.**

11 **2. Other members of a household which includes a person who has been declared**
12 **ineligible for temporary assistance for needy families assistance shall, if otherwise eligible,**
13 **continue to receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits as protective or vendor**
14 **payments to a third-party payee for the benefit of the members of the household.**

15 **3. Any person who, in good faith, reports a suspected violation of this section by a**
16 **TANF recipient shall not be held civilly or criminally liable for reporting such suspected**
17 **violation.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **4. The department of social services shall promulgate rules to implement the**
19 **provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section**
20 **536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective**
21 **only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if**
22 **applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the**
23 **powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the**
24 **effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,**
25 **then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,**
26 **2012, shall be invalid and void.**

208.032. 1. In accordance with the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section
2 **608(a)(12), the department of social services shall implement and maintain policies and**
3 **practices which prevent a temporary assistance for needy families electronic benefit**
4 **transfer transaction in:**

- 5 **(1) Any liquor store;**
6 **(2) Any casino, gambling casino, or gambling establishment; or**
7 **(3) Any retail establishment which provides adult-oriented entertainment in which**
8 **performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment.**

9 **2. As used in this section, the term:**

10 **(1) "Casino, gambling casino, or gaming establishment" shall not include:**

11 **(a) A grocery store which sells groceries including staple foods and which also**
12 **offers, or is located within the same building or complex as, casino, gambling, or gaming**
13 **activities;**

14 **(b) "Electronic benefit transfer transaction" means the use of a credit or debit card**
15 **service, automated teller machine, point-of-sale terminal, or access to an online system for**
16 **the withdrawal of funds or the processing of a payment for merchandise or a service;**

17 **(c) "Liquor store" means any retail establishment which sells exclusively or**
18 **primarily intoxicating liquor. Liquor store does not include a grocery store which sells**
19 **both intoxicating liquor and groceries including staple foods within the meaning of Section**
20 **3(r) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. Section 2012(r).**

21 **3. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 602(a)(1)(A), the department of social**
22 **services shall:**

23 **(1) Implement policies and procedures as necessary to prevent access to assistance**
24 **provided under Missouri's temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program**
25 **through any electronic fund transaction in an automated teller machine or point-of-sale**
26 **device located in a place described in subsections 1 and 2 of this section, including a plan**
27 **to ensure that recipients of the assistance have adequate access to their cash assistance; and**

28 **(2) Ensure that recipients of assistance provided under Missouri's TANF program**
29 **have access to using or withdrawing assistance with minimal fees or charges, including an**
30 **opportunity to access assistance with no fee or charges, and are provided information on**
31 **applicable fees and charges that apply to electronic fund transactions involving the**
32 **assistance, and that such information is made publicly available.**

33 **4. On or before December 31, 2013, the department shall submit a report to the**
34 **governor and the general assembly detailing the policies and practices implemented in**
35 **accordance with the requirements of this section and the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section**
36 **608(a)(12). In addition, the department shall report Missouri's implementation of the**
37 **policies and practices to the Secretary of Health and Human Services as required under**
38 **42 U.S.C. Section 609(a)(16) within two years of the enactment of such federal law.**

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